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Hongkong, October 23, 1895. 1731

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JOHN THURBURN,  
Manager, Hongkong.  
Hongkong, August 2, 1895. 228

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T. H. WHITEHEAD,  
Manager.

Hongkong, September 10, 1895. 846

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Hongkong, November 1, 1895. 343

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Hongkong, November 28, 1895. 2210

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Hongkong, December 7, 1895. 2287  
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Apollinaris Water at the head of  
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inducement offers).

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P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office. ALF. WOOLLEY, Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, December 11, 1895. 2289

J. TATAM.

Hongkong, December 2, 1895. 2244

**THE HONGKONG BUTCHERY,**  
No. 11, 12 and 13, Central Market.

PRIME BEEF and MUTTON.  
CORNED BEEF and TONGUES.

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GAME, &c., &c.

SHIPPING AND COAST FORT ORDERS WILL HAVE PROMPT ATTENTION.

Hongkong, December 2, 1895. 2244

J. TATAM.

Hongkong, December 2, 1895. 2244

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CENTRALLY SITUATED NEAR THE BUND, AND CONVENIENT FOR THE  
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Special arrangements can be made for Families visiting Japan.

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Hongkong, December 6, 1895. 2285

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WATCHES, in Gold, Silver, LADIES' GOLD WATCHES from \$20.

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Also shown a selected AMOUR-  
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LEVY HERMANOS.

Hongkong, December 10, 1895. 2218

**VICTORIA HOTEL,  
CANTON,**  
(Late SHAMMEN HOTEL, Canton).

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# THE CHINA MAIL.

Wednesday, December 11, 1895.

## Entertainment.

**THEATRE ROYAL.**  
Under the Distinguished Patronage of H. E. Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON, K.C.M.G.  
BY REQUEST.  
THURSDAY EVENING, Dec. 12, 1895,  
at 9.15.  
**PROFESSOR J. C. WHITNEY**  
will give  
**A RECITAL**  
of RUMOURED AND DRAMATIC READINGS.  
SEATS can now be booked at Messrs. W. ROBINSON & Co.,  
Hongkong, December 10, 1895. 2316

**HONGKONG SMOKING CONCERT CLUB.**

**THE FIRST CONCERT** of the SEASON will be given in the CITY HALL, on SATURDAY EVENING NEXT, at 9.15 p.m.—Major G. K. MOORE in the CHAIR. Members who have not yet got their Tickets should apply for them not later than Thursday to Mr. T. W. WRIGHT, Hon. Treasurer, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, or to JAMES A. LOWSON,  
Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, December 10, 1895. 2317

## Auctions.

**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
of  
**CHINESE PORCELAINS, CURIOS**  
AND EMBROIDERIES.

**THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on**  
**SATURDAY,**  
the 14th December, 1895, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street,

**A FINE COLLECTION OF CHINESE PORCELAINS,**  
comprising:—

**FINE SPECIMENS OF RARE BANG-DE-BUIC, BLUE AND WHITE, FIVE-COLOR, HINCHOW, IMPERIAL PORCELAIN, ETC., OR VASES, PLATES, JAMS, BOWLS, ETC., OF MING, KANGHI, YUNGCHING, KIEN-LUNG, TO MODERN PERIODS; OLD PLAQUES, PANELS, AND SCREENS, WOOD AND BAMBOO CARVINGS, ENAMEL, SNUFF-BOTTLES, JEWELRIES AND OTHER CURIOS.**

**Also,**  
a quantity of  
**SILK EMBROIDERY**  
in Great Variety.

Catalogues issued prior to Sale. On view from Friday, the 13th December.

**TERMS OF SALE.—As customary,**  
**GEO. P. LAMMERT,**  
Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, December 9, 1895. 2310

## Intimations.

**CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE,**  
LIMITED.

**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

**THE Transfer BOOKS** of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th to the 31st instant, both days inclusive.

**JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,**  
General Agents.

**CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.**

Hongkong, December 10, 1895. 2319

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Apply to J. W. KEW,  
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Hongkong, December 5, 1895. 2372

## PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF HONGKONG, No. 1,165.

**A N EMERGENCY MEETING** of the above LODGE will be held in the FARMERS' HALL, Zeeland Street, on SATURDAY, the 14th Inst., at 4.30 for 5 p.m. precisely. VISITING BRETHREN are cordially INVITED to attend.

Hongkong, December 10, 1895. 2314

## PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF HONGKONG, No. 1,165.

**A Regular MEETING** of the above LODGE will be held in the FARMERS' HALL, Zeeland Street, on MONDAY, the 16th instant, at 4.30 for 5 p.m. precisely. VISITING BRETHREN are cordially INVITED to attend.

Hongkong, December 10, 1895. 2315

**PRELIMINARY ADVERTISEMENT.**

**A NEWSPAPER** will be published very soon, to be called

**HUMPHREYS' CLOCK.**

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
Hongkong, November 27, 1895. 2206

**TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.**

**THE NEW BALMORAL GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

**THE First Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS** called for Noon on Saturday, the 1st Inst., is POSTPONED to Noon, on SATURDAY, the 18th Inst., 1896.

W. HUTTON POTTS,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, December 11, 1895. 2334

**BOOTH'S MARK LODGE**—No. 264.

**A Regular MEETING** of the above LODGE will be held in the FARMERS' HALL, Zeeland Street, on WEDNESDAY, the 15th instant, at 5 for 5.30 p.m. precisely. VISITING BRETHREN are cordially INVITED to attend.

Hongkong, December 11, 1895. 2310

## To-day's Advertisements.

**THEATRE ROYAL,**

**CITY HALL.**

**THE HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB**

WILL GIVE

**TWO PERFORMANCES**

ON

**THURSDAY, 26th Dec.**

**SATURDAY, 28th Dec.**

Commencing each Evening at 9 p.m. precisely.

MESSRS. C. H. GRACE, V. A. CESAR-HAWKINS, R. BURNETT, F. CLARKE, S. L. DADRY, A. S. G. MANNERS and W. S. FROWD.

Mrs. J. ANDREW, Mrs. V. A. CESAR-HAWKINS, Miss M. DICK, MELBOURNE and Miss ALFRED WHEATLEY.

TICKETS can be obtained at the Theatre Royal, CITY HALL, on and after Thursday, the 19th December.

Booking Office open each day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

PRICES \$3.00, \$2.00 and \$1.00. LATE TRAINS 15 Minutes after each Performance.

Hongkong, December 11, 1895. 2339

**THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.**

MR. J. W. R. TAYLOR has TAKEN OVER CHARGE of this BRANCH from this date.

JOHN THURBURN,  
Manager.

Hongkong, December 11, 1895. 2335

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.**

**IN the Matter of the Estate of GOTTFRIED WEBER, late of Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, Deceased.**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that His Honour Sir FIELDING CLARKE, Knight, Chief Justice, has, by virtue of Section 3 of Ordinance No. 9 of 1870, made an Order limiting to the 26th FEBRUARY, 1896, the time for sending in CLAIMS against the said Estate.

All Creditors are hereby required to send in their CLAIMS to the Undersigned before the said date.

Dated the 26th November, 1895.

F. A. HAZELAND,  
Acting Registrar  
and  
Official Administrator.

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**STEAMSHIP SYDNEY.**

**COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.**

**NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.**

**CONSIGNEES** of Cargo from London ex S.S. *Douro* and Memphis, from Havre ex S.S. Memphis, from *Bordeaux et S.S. Ville de Arras* and President *Leroy Lallier*, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods—with the exception of Opium, Treasures and Valuables—are being landed and stored at their Halls into the Godowns at the HONGKONG & ROWLAND WHARF & GODOWN COMPANY, LTD., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing. Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees before NOON TO-DAY (Wednesday), the 11th Inst., requesting it to be landed here. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after WEDNESDAY, the 13th Inst., at Noon, will be subject to rent, and landing charges.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before WEDNESDAY, the 18th Inst., or they will not be recognized.

All Damaged Packages will be examined on TUESDAY, the 17th Inst., at 8 p.m. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. de CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.

Hongkong, December 11, 1895. 2339

**NOTICE.**

**COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.**

**PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.**

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**SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA.**

**COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ.**

**PORT SAID.**

**MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, ALEXANDRIA, MARSEILLES, LONDON, HAVRE AND BORDEAUX.**

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**PORTS OF BRAZIL AND LA PLATA.**

**ON NOON, the 25th December, 1895**

**S.S. SAGHATIEN, Commandant DE GAILLARD,**

**with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPECIOL,**

**and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.**

**Cargo will be registered on COLOMBO as well as for MARSEILLES, and no consignment in transit through MARSEILLES for the principal places of Europe.**

**Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON.**

**Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m. Spots and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 24th December, 1895. (Parcels must not be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)**

**Contents and value of Packages are required.**

**For further particulars, apply to G. de CHAMPEAUX, Agent.**

Hongkong, December 11, 1895. 2339

**SHIPPING.**

**ARRIVALS.**

**CHINAPONG, Chinese arr., 1,211, C. R. Nell, Shanghai Dec. 7, General—C. M. S. M. Co.**

**Arnholt, British steamer, 801, for Canton—Wintia & Co.**

**December 11—**

**W. Hampton, British steamer, from Canton—Tsiang, British steamer, from Canton—Leymeen, German steamer, from Canton—Kuoching, British steamer, from Canton—Tsiang (2),**

**December 12—**

**W. Hampton, British steamer, from Canton—Tsiang, British steamer, from Canton—Leymeen, German steamer, from Canton—Kuoching, British steamer, from Canton—Tsiang (2),**

**December 13—**

**W. Hampton, British steamer, from Canton—Tsiang, British steamer, from Canton—Leymeen, German steamer, from Canton—Kuoching, British steamer, from Canton—Tsiang (2),**

**December 14—**

**W. Hampton, British steamer, from Canton—Tsiang, British steamer, from Canton—Leymeen, German steamer, from Canton—Kuoching, British steamer, from Canton—Tsiang (2),**

**December 15—**

**W. Hampton, British steamer, from Canton—Tsiang, British steamer, from Canton—Leymeen, German steamer, from Canton—Kuoching, British steamer, from Canton—Tsiang (2),**

**December 16—**

**W. Hampton, British steamer, from Canton—Tsiang, British steamer, from Canton—Leymeen, German steamer, from Canton—Kuoching, British steamer, from Canton—Tsiang (2),**

**December 17—**

**W. Hampton, British steamer, from Canton—Tsiang, British steamer, from Canton—Leymeen, German steamer, from Canton—Kuoching, British steamer, from Canton—Tsiang (2),**

**December 18—**

**W. Hampton, British steamer, from Canton—Tsiang, British steamer, from Canton—Leymeen, German steamer, from Canton—Kuoching, British steamer, from Canton—Tsiang (2),**

**December 19—**

**W. Hampton, British steamer, from Canton—Tsiang, British steamer, from Canton—Leymeen, German steamer, from Canton—Kuoching, British steamer, from Canton—Tsiang (2),**

**December 20—**

**W. Hampton, British steamer, from Canton—Tsiang, British steamer, from Canton—Leymeen, German steamer, from Canton—Kuoching, British steamer, from Canton—Tsiang (2),**

**December 21—**

**W. Hampton, British steamer, from Canton—Tsiang, British steamer, from Canton—Leymeen, German steamer, from Canton—Kuoching, British steamer, from Canton—Tsiang (2),**

**December 22—**

**W. Hampton,**

H.M.S. *Reindeer* arrived from Manila to-day.

We understand that seats are booking quickly for Professor Whitney's recital on Saturday night.

The annual dinner of the China Association was held at the Hotel Metropole, London, on 4th Nov. Sir R. T. Bennet was in the chair, and the proceedings passed off with the utmost success. The keynote underlying nearly all the remarks that fell from the speakers was a desire for a stronger British policy in China. Admiral Fremantle's speech is given elsewhere.

We are informed that the French fleet in the Far East will be strengthened soon by the addition of the new cruiser *Jean Bart* and the cruiser *Voltigeur*. The gunboat *Surprise*, launched this year, will relieve the *Lion*, which is to be paid off in Saigon. Admiral de Beaumont is expected here next week in the *Bayard* on his way to Saigon. It is not at all unlikely that on the arrival of the *Jean Bart* he will transfer his flag to her. From home papers to hand, we observe that the Russian ironclad *Gromoboy* has arrived at Kiel en route for the China Station. Eight more vessels of the Baltic fleet, it is reported, were notified to pass through the North Sea Canal for the same destination during the month of November.

A CORRESPONDENT writing in *The Friend of India* on the subject of "Missionaries in China," but whose references to "the religion of the Celestials" and "the ancient faith of the people" are the hall-marks of his ignorance of China and the Chinese, says: "It is to be hoped that our aggressive missionaries will soon be withdrawn from China altogether, and turn their zeal in directions where any undue exercise of it will not embroil nations, leading up to religious wars of reprisal, by no means in accordance with the doctrines of the faith they profess." It is impossible to prevent misguided but ignorant people from meddling with the missionary question. The pity is that our Indian contemporaries do not exercise their editorial function in correcting the misconceptions of their correspondents.

An American contemporary thus gushes over the *Olympia*, which took so many months to reach Japan when making her celebrated record across the Pacific—"The new flagship of the station is the most superb type of the modern cruiser ever seen in Chinese waters. She will not be equalled in her class by any of the mammoth ships of the British and Russian squadrons, and is sure to attract much attention not only by her equipment and fleetness, but also from the fact that no ship on the station has such commodious and luxurious quarters for her flag officer." As a matter of fact, this superb modern cruiser has not yet been seen in Chinese waters at all, having only managed to get as far as Yokohama; but there are six years left of this oft-mentioned century, so she may yet "materialise." She may attract attention by her equipment, but the fleet does not seem to "eventuate" to any appreciable extent. It is as well that our contemporary qualifies his remarks by the saving clause "in her class." What class is that?

The Legislative Council will meet on Saturday next at 11 a.m. The following is the programme of the business:—1. Report of the Finance Committee. (No. 9.) 2. Questions.

Orders of the day.—1. Second reading of the Bill entitled "An ordinance to amend the law as to certain Moneys paid into the Supreme Court or to the Registrar thereof." 2. Second reading of the Bill entitled "An ordinance to further amend The Stamp Ordinance, 1893." 3. Committee on the Bill entitled "An ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding £100 Millions Four hundred and Seventy-nine thousand and Sixty-two Dollars in the Public Service of the Year 1895." 4. Third reading of the Bill entitled "An ordinance to amend The Widows' and Orphans' Pensions Ordinance of 1893" and 1891 (No. 20 of 1890 and 18 of 1891). 5. Third reading of the Bill entitled "An ordinance to authorise in certain cases judicial investigations into the causes of fire."

There will be a meeting of the Finance Committee at 10.30 A.M.

The death is announced at Paris of Lady Caithness at the age of sixty-five. She gave splendid receptions in her recently-completed home, which she called "Holland." Lady Caithness was a fervent Spiritualist and a passionate admirer of the ill-fated Mary Queen of Scots. She is to be buried in Edinburgh. Her first husband was the Comte de Pouancé, who was afterwards created Duke by the Pope, and by whom she had one son, the present Duke. She married later the Earl of Caithness. The deceased lady was very charitable, and will be much regretted by the poor as well as by her numerous friends.

Captain G. H. Herbert, R.A., relates an amusing incident in his interesting account of the artillery in China. Major J. D. Cunningham's No. 3 Mountain Battery came into action on the 16th April against a large sangar on the hill top, which was giving a lot of trouble to our infantry. Before the gun had found the range correctly, a man was standing on the wall waving a green flag and signalling the misses with military precision—salvo, low to the right, high to the left, in accordance with the "rule of the ring." Though the fighting line was鲜血ed, with hand-to-hand combat in anticipation of a rush, and the sangar was great, yet the man was too valuable and absurd, so a long ranged gun fired down the line. But the battery was too far off to hit the sangar, so the third shot fired at 1,400 yards burst on the top of the wall just under the rim with the flag, who was evidently a very expert marksman, and he was in the air.

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## A. S. WATSON &amp; CO., LIMITED.

An extraordinary general meeting of shareholders in this Company was held to-day at the registered offices. Mr. J. D. Humphreys presided, and there were also present Messrs G. Walter, J. S. Bagen, J. A. Jupp, H. Wicksing, J. B. Scott, W. H. Potts, W. C. Clements, Wong Tung Lam, and A. H. Mansell (secretary).

The Secretary read the notice of meeting.

## THE CHINA ASSOCIATION DINNER.

[SUPPLIED BY THE "CHINA MAIL."]  
LONDON, December 9, 1895.

RUSSIA AND TURKEY.

M. de Neldoff has had an audience with the Sultan for the purpose of presenting a letter from the Czar.

## AN ITALIAN REVERSE IN ABBYSSINIA.

Major Toselli's force has been surprised and surrounded by King Menelik's army at Amba. General Arimondi, advancing to his relief, was forced to retreat to Makallé, after a battle in which the Abyssinians lost heavily. Three hundred men of Major Toselli's force afterwards joined the Chairman—said—Gentlemen, you have heard the notice convening the meeting, and I will now proceed to propose the special resolution. My object in moving this—Resolution is to provide for the continued prosperity of the business after my death. The original article which the now one replaces provided that in the event of my not owing more than half the capital at the time of my death the shareholders would have to meet and appoint new managers, and in the meantime things might return to our original banks might return to our original banks, which would of necessity greatly depress the value of your stock, and that in consequence create a want of confidence not only with the public but with the staff. Our business is very large and expanded one and to hold it together it is necessary that the individual members of it should have confidence in the management. They will have every confidence in my firm, which, excluding myself, consists of Mr. E. E. Humphreys, who has controlled your London business since he left the English Civil Service after holding the post of Comptroller of the Civil Service for 40 years. He came to Hongkong to enable him to get a thorough grasp of the business here as well as at home. His portrait may be soon shown in the usual place here. The next member is Mr. H. Humphreys; he has been specially trained in the work of the firm, having after going through the routine of our London Office served an apprenticeship and passed all his examinations and his business training completed under my direction here. Mr. Hart Buck knows to be a responsible position therein for 40 years. 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